



Sunny Start Core Partners Meeting Summary

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, April 22, 2008
Location:	Indiana State Dept. of Health, Rice Auditorium
Facilitators:	Dr. Judy Ganser Staff – Maureen Greer, Toni Harpster
Participants:	Melanie Brizzi, Daniel Clendenning, Sheron Cochran, Michael Conn-Powers, Janet Deahl, Audie Gilmer, Lisa Henley, Phyllis Kikendall, Susan Lightle, Allison Matters, Kimberly Minniear, Kevin Moore, Karen Teliha, Julia Tipton-Hogan, Angela Tomlin, Nicole Niebur (Purdue Intern)
Items of Interest	Dates for next core partner meetings – July 22, 2008; October 28, 2008. Please mark your calendars! Sunny Start Web-site – www.sunnystart.in.gov Early Childhood Meeting Place Website - http://earlychildhoodmeetingplace.indiana.edu
Attachments:	n/a

Summary of meeting:	<p>Dr. Judy Ganser began the meeting with introductions. The first item on the agenda was core partners updates. A summary of those updates are listed below:</p> <p>Indiana Perinatal Network – Julia announced that there is a new statewide breastfeeding coordinator that they will begin working closely with</p> <p>Indiana Child Care Resource and Referral – Assisting with the Paths to Quality Implementation. This is the third year of the safe sleep training they are delivering to child care providers throughout the state. Currently approximately 8,139 providers have been trained</p> <p>Bureau of Child Care – Janet Deahl passed out copies of the Indiana Bureau of child Care 2007 Annual Report. It will soon be available on their website. Melanie Brizzi talked about this being the week of the young child and discussed the proclamation by Governor Daniels.</p> <p>Indiana Association for Infant and Toddler Mental Health – Angela Tomlin discussed the 10th Annual Conference on August 21 and 22.</p>
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Healthy Families – Audie Gilmer discussed the recent Zero to Three training that took place April 15 through April 17. There were 39 participants that used the Prevent Child Abuse curriculum. There will be ten follow up sessions, which include quarterly conference calls and a one day face to face training. - - The Institute for Strengthening Families will be Sept 22 – 24, 2008.

Early Childhood Meeting Place Expansion – Currently reaching out to the medical field. They will be distributing marketing materials to over 3,000 physicians. The material will include a tear off tab that families can take with them, giving them information on the website.

Dr. Ganser showed the group a prototype of the developmental calendar with the Peyton Manning Children’s Hospital logo on it.

Community Integrated System of Services – (CISS)

Kimberly Minniear from the Indiana State Department of Health explained the foundation for CISS. The goal of CISS is to provide a community based system of services for children with special health care needs. Kim provided the group with a video presentation that highlights the six guiding principles which are listed below:

1. Family/Professional Partnership
2. Access to Medical Home
3. Access to Adequate Insurance
4. Early and Continuous Screening
5. Community Systems Easy to Use
6. Youth Transition to Adult Life

Kim explained that the CISS project has formed an advisory committee which is composed of family members, physicians and members from key state and local organizations. Dr. Ganser explained that this committee will be integrated with Sunny Start. This committee is just getting started; Kim will provide updates as things progress.

Early Childhood Partners Meeting

Phyllis Kikendall and Melanie Brizzi presented jointly on the March Early Childhood Partners meeting which was held in Baltimore, Maryland. Phyllis explained that the emphasis from presentations throughout the conference was the importance of evidence based practices. Outcomes written in strategic plans need to be evidence based in order for grants to be funded in the future.

Melanie Brizzi reported on the portion of the meeting where the Indiana delegation was brought together to discuss progress and areas where improvement is needed in our state. The Indiana delegation included Phyllis Kikendall, Melanie Brizzi, Andrea Wilkes, Steve Viehweg, Susan Lightle,

Michelle Thomas and Toni Harpster.

The group agreed that there have been quite a few accomplishments in Indiana in the area of communication. Examples of this include the expansion to the Early Childhood Meeting Place, the Developmental Calendar, the Medical Passport and Paths to Quality. The commitment to ensuring that partners have access to information needs to continue.

The area where the group felt we needed the most improvement is governance. We need to get in front of our lawmakers and explain the importance of early childhood. In order to do that, the group recommends that we partner next year with Sharon Pearson from the Villages on her forum. Sharon organizes an annual forum for judges and legislators which is well attended. Perhaps some funding could be obtained (possibly through a National Governors Association grant) to get Jack Shonkoff, M.D. from the Center of the Developing Child to speak to them about the importance of early childhood development.

The Indiana delegation also talked about Sunny Start and what our core message is. Do all of the partners have a clear understanding of what this is?

The National Child Care Information and Technical Assistance offers a series of training modules called PACT (Partnership, Alliances and Coordination Techniques). One module is designed specifically to help groups focus on their message. Michelle Thomas is looking into the possibility of Susan Rohrbaugh coming to Indiana to help us in this process.

Paths to Quality

Janet Deahl gave an update on the Paths to Quality initiative. At this time, phase one is complete. They are currently working on the rollout for region two. The goal of the marketing campaign is strictly for child care providers. Open houses to inform legislators, providers, and other community members about Paths to Quality are being organized in that region. In addition to explaining Paths to Quality, these meetings also inform the public about other organizations such as IACCRR (Indiana Association for Child Care Resource and Referral) and IAEYC (Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children). Even though Paths to Quality is a state effort, it is community based, built on local efforts.

Susie Lightle discussed Head Start and Paths to quality. Paths to Quality is currently built around licensing standards. Head Start Programs are typically considered pre-school programs. Some Head Starts are licensed child care providers and may participate in Paths to Quality but many are not. FSSA is looking into including preschools and others into a rating system in the future.

Next Steps

Dr. Ganser explained that we are currently closing on year three of implementation for the Sunny Start initiative and will likely receive funding for a fourth. At our next meeting we would like to look at what we have accomplished to date along with goals for a new year. A Core Partners survey is being developed and will go out after the July meeting.

Dr. Ganser discussed the grant opportunity made available by SAMHSA – Project LAUNCH. Many partners have already been in communication regarding this. It is suggested that all read through the grant and see where their organization might partner.

Next Meeting – July 22, 2008 1:00 – 3:00 at the Indiana State Department of Health - Rice Auditorium